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JOINT COMMUNIQUE

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER
SECOND JOINT MEETING. QTE THE SECOND MEETING OF THE JOINT
PLANNING AND CORDINATION COMMITTEE WAS HELD JUNE 8-10, 1977,
IN TOKYO. THE MEETING WAS CONVENED IN PURSUANCE OF THE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN AND THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON COOPERATIONIN THE FIELD
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SIGNED AUGUST 5, 1975.
MR. SHINTARO ISHIHARA, MINISTER OF STATE, DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY, LED THE JAPANESE DELEGATION.
MRS. BARBARA BLUM, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY LED THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION.
MR. ISHIHARA PRESENTED A STATEMENT ON THE CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL
SITUATION IN JAPAN, ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
IMPLICATIONS OF THE JAPANESE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY
AND ALSO THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY TO BE DEVELOPED
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IN THE FUTURE. MRS. BLUM PRESENTED A STATEMENT ON
CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY IN THE UNITED STATES,
ESPECIALLY THE IMPETUS TO INCREASED ENVIRONMENTAL
ACTION PROJECTED IN THE RECENT COMPREHENSIVE
ENVIRONMENTAL MESSAGE SUBMITTED BY PRESIDENT CARTER
TO THE CONGRESS.

PROJECTS PRESENTLY UNDERWAY UNDER THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT WERE DISCUSSED AND BRIEFLY EVALUATED. THE TWO DELEGATIONS ENGAGED IN AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND VIEWS CONCERNING CONTROL OF TOXIC CHEMICALS, PUBLIC INFORMATION IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENT, NOISE CONTROL, EUTROPHICATION, MARINE POLLUTION AND ROLE OF GREEN AND OPEN SPACE IN IMPROVING URBAN ENVIRONMENT. THE TWO SIDES EXCHANGED VIEWS CONCERNING PROPOSALS FOR POSSIBLE NEW PROJECT ACTIVITY IN THE AREAS OF (1) WATER CONSERVATION AND FLOW REDUCTION IN JAPAN AND THE U.S., (2) NONPOINT SOURCE CONTROLS IN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT, (3) MEASUREMENT OF BYPRODUCT COKE OVEN EMISSION CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES, (4) ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS AND INCENTIVES FOR POLLUTION CONTROL, AND (5) RADIOACTIVE WASTE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY. IT WAS AGREED TO ESTABLISH A NEW PROJECT "TECHNOLOGY FOR CLOSED SYSTEMIZATION OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE LIQUID TREATMENT."

MRS. BLUM EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR THE GLOBAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT FROM THE THREAT OF UNCONTROLLED TOXIC SUBSTANCES. MRS. BLUM CALLED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES, AND INVITED THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN TO JOIN THE UNITED STATES IN TAKING THE LEAD IN THAT EFFORT.

THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE HOSPITALITY EXTENDED BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT. THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
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JOINT PLANNING AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE BE HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND THE DETAILS OF THE MEETING WOULD BE DISCUSSED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. UNQTE.
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